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Spring/Summer Calendar

April 6	Livestock CDE
April 13	Poultry CDE
	Agriculture Mechanics CDE
April 15	Region Teachers Meeting - Lower State
April 16	Region Teachers Meeting - Mid-State, Pee Dee, and Piedmont
April 17	SCAAE State House Plant Presentation
May 2	Pee Dee Region Leadership CDE's
May 4	Forestry CDE
May 7	Lower State Region Leadership CDE's
May 9	Piedmont Region Leadership CDE's
May 15	Deadline for FFA Camp Registration
June 3-7	FFA Camp – Week 1
June 12-14	FFA State Convention
June 13	Greenhand Knowledge Bowl
	Farm Business Management CDE
	Job Interview CDE
	State Leadership CDE
	Parliamentary Procedure CDE
	AgriScience Fair
June 17-21	FFA Camp – Week 2
June 24-28	FFA Camp – Week 3
July 24-25	SCAAE Summer Conference
July 26-27	Young Farmer Summer Tour
July 30-August 1	FFA Leadership Camp

History Has Been Made!

Contributing Author: Stephen E. Sanderson

The South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association experienced a successful and historical state conference at the Westin Spa and Resort on Hilton Head Island. Record numbers flocked to Hilton Head for the first ever collaboration between the SCYFAA and the SC Pork Board for the annual conference of the two organizations.

The conference program began on Friday with a seminar for Agricultural Educators and concluded with an Awards Banquet sponsored by the SC Pork Board, which highlighted agriculture leaders and award winners from both groups. A night of music, dancing, and entertainment continued after the banquet with the sounds of the legendary Island Country Band.

The SC Pork Board presented the following awards at the Friday Night Banquet: the Pork Producer of the Year, the Pork Industry Award, and the Pork Board Outstanding Service Award. Awards presented by the SCYFAA included: Energy Efficiency, Conservation, the Swine Producer Award, and the Outstanding Service Awards.

Saturday's program began early with a business session and breakfast followed by informative educational workshops that included CAMM Certification, Modern Reformulated Fuels, Marketing, and Cooking with Pork. There was also an update on Livestock and Poultry Health from the State Veterinarian's office.

The Awards Luncheon on Saturday included recognition of regional and state champions in various crop and production categories. An ice cream and dessert social with the exhibitors followed lunch. The Saturday Awards Banquet featured the recognition of the Farmer of the Year, the Agribusiness Person of the year, the Outstanding Chapter Advisor, Outstanding Chapter Awards, and the Distinguished Service Award. A successful and profitable auction led by auctioneer Sam Smith ended the conference.

State officers elected include **Chris Bradham**, President, Lee County Chapter; **Tripp Kemp**, President-Elect, Edisto Chapter; **Brian Campbell**, Piedmont Region Vice President, Crescent Chapter; **Amanda Lutz**, Mid-State Region Vice President, Chester Chapter; **James Fanning**, Lower-State Region Vice President, Edisto Chapter; **Frank McLeod**, Pee Dee Region Vice President, Sumter Chapter; and **JEB Wilson**, Past-President/ Treasurer, Chester Chapter. **Steve Sanderson** serves as Executive Director for the organization. The Advisor for the organization is **Billy Keels**, State Director of Agriculture Education.



John W. Parris Receives The SCYFAA Distinguished Service Award

(Contributing authors: Stephen E. Sanderson & William Keels)

John W. Parris was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association during the 2013 State SCYFAA Convention held at the Westin Resort on Hilton Head Island. The award was given during the Saturday night awards banquet where a record number of attendees were present to see the presentation.

In January of 1996, Mr. Parris was employed as the state executive secretary to the SCFFA Association and served in that position until 1997 when he was named state director of public affairs for Agricultural Education and the FFA where he served until January 2011.

During his tenure, Mr. Parris served as a tireless advocate for Agriculture Education and the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association. He maintains his membership at the Pelion Young Farmers and continues to be an active member of the chapter, state, and national organizations.



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2012 SCYFAA Farmer Of The Year

Contributing authors: Stephen E. Sanderson and H. Keith Cox

The 2012 SCYFAA Farmer of the Year is Tim Kelley from the Crescent Chapter. Tim's family has farmed this land for 7 generations. In the early years, they grew cotton, corn, cattle and timber. Today Tim has directed the farm into the poultry business but still maintains 35 acres of pines and several head of cattle.

Around five years ago, Tim built four poultry breeder houses. Being efficient was on his mind from the start of this endeavor. Each house contains 11,250 hens and 1,000 roosters. Tim's four houses use the same amount of energy that a normal 2-house operation would use. He also uses an automated egg handling system to cut down on labor. He is able, with the four houses, to process 40,000 eggs in 4 hours as compared to a normal 2-house operation that would process about 20,000 eggs in 8 hours.

Tim gets his chickens in at 20 weeks old and they begin laying at around 25 weeks old. From 30-40 weeks old is the peak laying time for them. The first year Tim was able to produce around 750,000 dozen eggs. Now with constant adjusting of feed and light management they are up to 775,000 dozen eggs per year.

Tim's houses are fully automated. He uses computers to control all functions of the operation and keeps upgrading the software as the industry changes. Also, with the breeder farm type of poultry operation, Tim has to keep a close eye on egg thickness. He has learned that by watching color and texture he can adjust calcium or vitamin D to the feed or water to control shell thickness. This will allow the chick to break out of the shell without the egg leaking. Tim has a very high hatch rate ranging from 92 - 95%.

His future plans are to add two more houses. He is also working on adding an Eco-Drum composting machine. This will allow him to minimize the waste products that the farm has and add a new mulch product that can be sold.

Tim is an active member of the Crescent Young Farmer Chapter where he has served as VP for the chapter for five years where his Advisor is Tim Keown and Roger Estridge. Tim served as the State VP from the Piedmont region for 2 years. Last year, Tim was elected to serve as Secretary to the National Young Farmer Education Association and is currently starting a three-year term on the NYFEA Board of Directors as President.

Tim is a member of Union Baptist Church of Iva and coaches both Girls Softball and Boys Football for the Iva Recreation Department. Tim and his wife Patti have three children – Megan, Makayla, Torry and one grandchild Wyatt.



Tim Kelley 2012 SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association Farmer of the Year



Tim Kelley with Karen Baxley, representing AgSouth Farm Credit, sponsor of the Farmer of the Year Award

2012 Agribusiness Person Of The Year

Contributing Authors: Stephen E. Sanderson & H. Keith Cox

The State Agribusiness Person of the Year is Michael Nance of the Chester Chapter. Michael is the owner of Nance Tractor & Implement located in McConnells SC. Michael grew up working on farm equipment and farming with his father.

He started buying and selling farm equipment while he was doing research on precision agriculture, as a student at Clemson University where he received a degree in Agriculture Mechanization and Business.

In 2003 he started Nance Tractor & Implement and in 2004 built a new 5000 sq. ft. building. The addition provided space for a parts house, sales room, and service area. He is a dealer for many brands but in 2007 added Massey Fergusson to his line of brands. Michael is the largest dealer in SC – in terms of volume of tractors and equipment for Massey Fergusson. In sales, he averaged one tractor per week in 2012.

Michael has added computer software to handle the accounting, inventory, parts, and to keep up with the ever-changing industry. To date he has grown from a one-man show to having five full time and one part time employee. To stay up to date, he and his employees regularly attend service tech schools and sales and products meetings.

Michael farms about 250 acres, in addition to the equipment business. This gives him creditability with his clients because he knows first hand the performance of the equipment he sells. A few years ago, to diversify his business, he began selling hay and wheat straw. Michael also began renting out no-till drills as a service to his clients. Michael's main goal each year is to make his customers and his business more efficient and profitable. When he can keep his employee's time focused on the most profitable jobs and services this goal can be met.

Michael served as President of the State Young Farmers and Agribusiness Association and continues to support the State Association. He also represented South Carolina as a delegate to the National Young Farmer Educational Association Institute. Michael is a member and president of the Chester Young Farmer Chapter where Kip Beam is his advisor. Michael and his wife Lisa have been blessed with two children, Pheebe and Lenna.



Michael Nance and Kip Beam, Advisor of the Chester County Young Farmers



Michael Nance 2012 SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association Agribusiness Person of the Year



Award Winners

Irrigated Corn
William Jameson
Edisto Chapter

Non-Irrigated Corn
Ricky McDaniel
Sumter Chapter

Non-Irrigated Soybeans
Maynard Dorr
Sumter Chapter

Cotton
Jeff Wilson
Chester Chapter

Peanuts
Brad Elliot
Green Sea Floyds Chapter

Small Grain
Ricky McDaniel
Sumter Chapter

Beef Cattle
William Bowman Jr.
Crescent Chapter

Swine Award
Presented to the Clinkscales
Family in Memory of
Harold Clinkscales Jr.

Energy Efficiency
Tim Kelley
Crescent Chapter

Horticulture
Marty Watt
Crescent Chapter

Conservation
Frank McLeod
Sumter Chapter

Farm Shop
Jason McGee
Crescent Chapter

Advisor of the Year
Tim Keown
Crescent Chapter

Chapter President Award
Jeremy Holtzelaw
Crescent Chapter

Chapter of the Year
Crescent Chapter

Outstanding Service
Maxine Smith
Blue Ridge-Bonds Chapter
Edgar Lamb
Edgefield County Chapter
Ricky McDaniel
Sumter Chapter
Nathaniel Rhodes
Orangeburg Chapter

Region Farmer Of The Year

The Pee Dee Region Farmer of the Year is
Patrick Norris from the Antioch Chapter.
His advisor is Al Gray.



Region Farmer Of The Year

The Mid-State Region Farmer of the Year is Peter
Wilson from the Chester Chapter. The Award was
presented by Karen Baxley of AgSouth Farm Credit.

Region Agribusiness Person Of The Year

The Pee Dee Region Agribusiness Person of the
Year is Jamie Brown from the East Clarendon
Chapter. His advisor is Bert Beasley.



Clinkscales Family Honored By SCYFAA

Contributed by Tim Keown, Agriculture Teacher, Crescent High School



*The SCYFAA Swine Producer of the
Year was presented to the Clinkscales
Family in Memory of Harlod
"Clinky" Clinkscales Jr.*

The family of Harold Clinkscales, Jr. was presented
the 2012 SCYFAA Swine Producer of The Year Award
at the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness
Association State Convention in Hilton Head. Clinkscales,
who had won this award many times in the past because of
his efforts in the pork industry, was tragically taken from
this world in September doing what he loved – farming.
Clinkscales, or "Clinky" as he was known to all of his
friends, was a lifelong farmer in Iva, SC.

Clinkscales was very active in the FFA while a student
at Crescent where he earned his American FFA degree. He
continued his journey in agricultural education and became
very active in the Crescent Young Farmers. He and his
family have a very diverse farming operation which includes,
soybeans, wheat, sorghum, corn, oats, hay, beef cattle, and
of course swine. In the words of his daughter Candice, "he
loved his pigs like his own children". Clinkscales was a

devout Christian and a beloved family man in addition to his farming work. He is survived by his wife
Rita, daughters Candice and Alexandra, son in law Adam, and grandson Logan.

The award was sponsored by the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association and
included a \$300 check to help the Crescent chapter begin a scholarship in Clinkscales's honor.

South Carolina Agriculture Education Provides Life-Long Learning

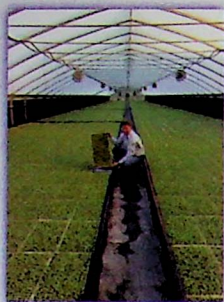
(Contributing Author: Stephen E. Sanderson)

A major principle of the South Carolina Agriculture Education program is Education from the Cradle to the Grave, a common quote of the educational genre that encompasses the world that we live in today. Adhering to this principle, the SC Agriculture Education model does not end with the high school and collegiate programs that are used to educate so many students in the field of agriculture. While the high school FFA Chapters, the Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs, and the many post-secondary institutions play a vital role in the education of future agriculture leaders, there is an equally important role to every person that classifies himself as an agriculturist and that is to continue to learn about the ever-changing industry.

To apply the concept of lifelong learning, South Carolina provides opportunities for adult education in the field of Agriculture. Agriculture educators across the state have the opportunity to receive extended contracts that are supplemented with state funds. One of the primary components of the extended contract is adult education. The most commonly used tool to meet the adult education requirement in South Carolina is the Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association. The South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association (SCYFAA) is a state organization for those who are currently out-of-school and are engaged in agriculture. It is also designed to aid interested adults through systematic and organized educational programs in agriculture and agribusiness. This program makes Agriculture Education in South Carolina unique when compared to programs in other states.

To meet the adult education requirement as outlined on the agricultural teacher's extended contract, each local young farmer chapter is required to have at least 10 educational meetings per year. Educational opportunities are also provided through an annual conference and an annual summer tour.

In an effort to expose young people to the opportunities in adult education, Agriculture educators encourage their FFA members to continue to enhance their knowledge of agriculture through the Members and Mentors Program. This program is designed to allow FFA members to become associated



with a local Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association Chapter at no cost, while providing them with a mentor to assist them in their challenging agricultural career.

Many of the leaders in the SCYFAA have come through high school agriculture programs and were FFA Members. For example, Marion Huggins, the 2010 SCYFAA Farmer of the year, attributes much of his success to the skills that he learned from his agriculture teacher Mr. Reginald Green. Mr. Huggins is now a successful farmer and a very active SCYFAA member in the East Clarendon Chapter. As a Young Farmer member, he supports the local agriculture program and encourages FFA members to continue their education in agriculture by becoming a member of the Young Farmers.

The current president of the National Young Farmer Educational Association is Tim Kelley. Mr. Kelley began to develop his skills while a

member of the Crescent FFA chapter. As an adult, he became an active member of the Crescent Young Farmers and also served on the SCYFAA Executive Committee. His belief in what the Young Farmer organization can provide for its members has encouraged him to develop a primary focus for building the membership of the state and national organization. This effort has been a grass roots campaign to encourage agriculture education to for the next generation through the local agriculture program.

There are many similar success stories from SCYFAA chapters from across the state and nation. Each story serves as an example, which demonstrates the success of the adult education program in Agricultural Education through the SC Young Farmer

and Agribusiness Association. It also indicates the need for such a program to support those who have accepted the challenge of working in the agricultural industry.

Providing education to our young people should not stop at graduation. The agricultural career field is extremely challenging. It is impossible to provide our students with all of the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in just the few years that they

are in class. The South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association is a way to continue to provide guidance and education to our future leaders. Young Farmer Advisors are to be commended for and should be very proud of their efforts to provide a seamless education for the agriculture students in South Carolina that reaches FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE.



Barbeque, Blues, And Beale Street

(Contributing Author: Stephen E. Sanderson)

The South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association was represented by twelve members at the National Young Farmer Educational Association Institute held in Memphis, Tennessee. The four voting delegates for South Carolina were Jeremy Holtzclaw, Tripp Kemp, Frank McLeod, and JEB Wilson. Mindy Sandifer represented the SCYFAA Advisors as the State Advisor of the Year.

The institute kicked off with a delegate meeting and then a self-guided tour of downtown Memphis where participants could experience barbeque, blues, and the historic Beale Street. The South Carolina delegation elected to partake in ribs, brisket, and pulled pork at the historic Central BBQ and then in a tour of Beale Street lead by NYFEA Secretary and South Carolina native Tim Kelley.

It continued with a tour of Tunica County agriculture and a Mississippi River tour. Tour stops included Tunica County Cotton Gin, the John Deere dealership of Tunica, the Mississippi River Park and Agricultural Museum, and the Tunica County Annual Team Roping Event held at the county rodeo arena and sports complex. The day ended with a good old fashion meal at Paula Dean's Buffet located in the Harrah's Casino.

Saturday's activities included the Agriculture Decision Makers Breakfast and a tour of Graceland. The institute concluded with the John Deere Awards banquet and tribute to St. Jude Children's Hospital. The banquet concluded with the installation of the new national officers with South Carolina's own Tim Kelley elected to serve as President-Elect to the National Organization.



Tim Kelley Elected To NYFEA National Office

(Contributing Author: Stephen E. Sanderson)

Tim Kelley of the Crescent Young Farmer Chapter was elected to serve as President Elect to the National Young Farmer Educational Association at the 2012 NYFEA Institute in Memphis, Tennessee. Tim started his agriculture leadership journey as a member to the Crescent High School FFA. He then became active in the local Young Farmer chapter where he eventually served as a chapter officer. Tim was elected to the SCYFAA Executive committee as Piedmont Region Vice President in 2009 where he served faithfully for a two-year term. Tim then decided to seek national office by running for NYFEA Secretary in 2011. He was elected to this office at the 2011 NYFEA Institute in Kansas City, Missouri. In Tim's new position he will serve a three-year term as National President Elect, National President, and Past President. Tim has represented South Carolina exemplarily on the national level and always has production agriculture and agribusiness at the top of his agenda.

Right: Tim Kelley with fellow NYFEA Officers Allen Tyler and Carol Corman



Left: Tim Kelley with his Chapter Advisor Tim Keown



FFA Members Fill the Steps

Contributed by:

Hundreds of high school agricultural education students attended the SC FFA-sponsored Legislator Appreciation Ceremony in Columbia on February 20, 2013. The FFA members spent the morning visiting with their Senators and House members. Following the visits, the group joined more than 1200 FFA members and advisors from throughout South Carolina on the north steps of the State Capitol for a special recognition ceremony. The event got under way with the Presentation of Colors by Manning FFA Color Guard who consisted of Jake Pack, Trevon Andrews, Austin Atkinson and Troy Bagnol. During the Presentation of Colors, Pelion FFA member Cameron Padgett gave a great rendition of the National Anthem. Many guests were introduced which included the Honorable Hugh Weathers, Commissioner of Agriculture for South Carolina.

State FFA Officers and the Governor's Proclamation of FFA Week with the Honorable Hugh Weathers, Senator Daniel B. Verdin and Representative Nelson L. Hardwick



and Representative Brian White who is a former FFA member. The State Officers are: Trent Rushton, State President, from the Wagener Salley chapter, Maria Ausburn, State Secretary from the Crescent chapter, Zachary MacDougal, State Vice President from the Pendleton chapter, Hunter Holland State Vice President from the Latta chapter, Dylan Way State Vice President from the Socastee chapter and Andrew Snipes, State Vice President from Pelion chapter.

The State FFA Officers presented the prestigious Honorary State FFA Degree to Dr. Kristine Vernon, Director of the Clemson University Equine Center, The Honorable Nelson L. Hardwick of Horry County, Chairman, House Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee, Dr. Mac Horton, the Director of Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development and the Director of Sandhill Research and Education Center and Mr. Mark Nettles with Clemson University Extension Service. The purpose of the Honorary State degree is to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding service to agricultural education and the FFA program.



Representative Nelson L. Hardwick, Horry County, with State FFA Officers and Lindsey Anderson, National FFA Vice President.

State Representative Nelson L. Hardwick, of Horry County, Chairman of the House Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee, presented the Governor's Proclamation to the State FFA Officers on behalf of Governor Haley. This was in recognition of National FFA Week February 16-23, 2013.

State Senator Daniel B. Verdin, of Laurens, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, presented a Concurrent Resolution of Recognition and Commendation to the State FFA Officers on behalf of all the members of the SC General Assembly.

The 2012-13 State FFA Officers conducted the ceremony at the South Carolina State House and before the ceremony they had the privilege of meeting with Senator Verdin, Representative Hardwick



State Senator Daniel B. Verdin, of Laurens County, with the State FFA Officers and Lindsey Anderson, National FFA Vice President.



at Legislator Appreciation Day

H. Keith Cox



Representative Brian White, Chairman, (a former FFA member from the Dixie chapter) with the State FFA Officers and Lindsey Anderson, National FFA Vice President.



The Legislator Appreciation Day is held annually in conjunction with National FFA week. The week of George Washington's birthday was designated as National FFA Week in 1947 at a National FFA Board of Directors meeting. FFA Week always runs from Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Washington's Birthday.

Honorary State Degree Recipients, Dr. Mac Horton, Director of Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development and the Director of Sandhill Research and Education Center, Trent Rushton, State FFA President, Dr. Kristine Vernon Director of Clemson University Equine Center and Mr. Mark Nettles with Clemson University Extension Service.

86th State Convention Dates Announced By The State FFA Officers

On behalf of the 2012-13 State Officer Team, I would like to announce that the State FFA Convention will be held at Clemson University, June 12-14, 2013. The business and general sessions will be held in the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts.

The first general session will begin at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, June 12th, with an official welcome to Clemson University by Dean Thomas R. Scott, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences.

Outstanding FFA chapters will be recognized as National Chapter winners in the Superior, Bronze Emblem, Silver Emblem and Gold Emblem categories. A number of scholarships will be awarded during this session and we will be entertained and amazed by hypnotist, Dr. Al Snyder.

On Thursday, June 13th, the state finals in eight career development events (CDE) will be conducted that morning. The second general session will begin at 1:30 PM with the recognition of state champions in CDE's held during the school year and we will be confirming the State FFA Degrees to our best members. Among the highlights of the Thursday evening's 6:30 PM session, there will be an address by National FFA Vice President, Wiley Bailey, from



Sand Rock, Alabama. The FFA Stars over South Carolina Ceremony will recognize regional and state stars in farming, agribusiness and agricultural placement. A number of Honorary State Degrees will also be presented to friends and supporters of the FFA. After the session join everyone for the convention social at the Union.

The closing session on Friday morning will include the announcement of state winners in career development events held during the convention and other recognition programs. This is also the sad part of the convention for our state officer team but the start of an exciting year for the six new state FFA officers as they are elected at the conclusion of the session.

Come join the sea of blue jackets at Clemson.



Trent Rushton
2012-13 SC FFA State President

FFA Camping Program 2013

Contributed by Carl Kotz

During the summer of 2013 FFA campers will be: zip-lining down the high ropes, swimming in the pool, paddling a kayak in the ocean, trudging back to a cabin after an endless dodge ball game, running to the canteen for a sno-cone, sitting by the camp fire, and trying to look cool despite everything. These activities will be joined with a new cardboard project, a Hollywood Movie theme, and a nightlife package of Alabama Theater, Palace Theater, and a Murder Mystery Dinner.

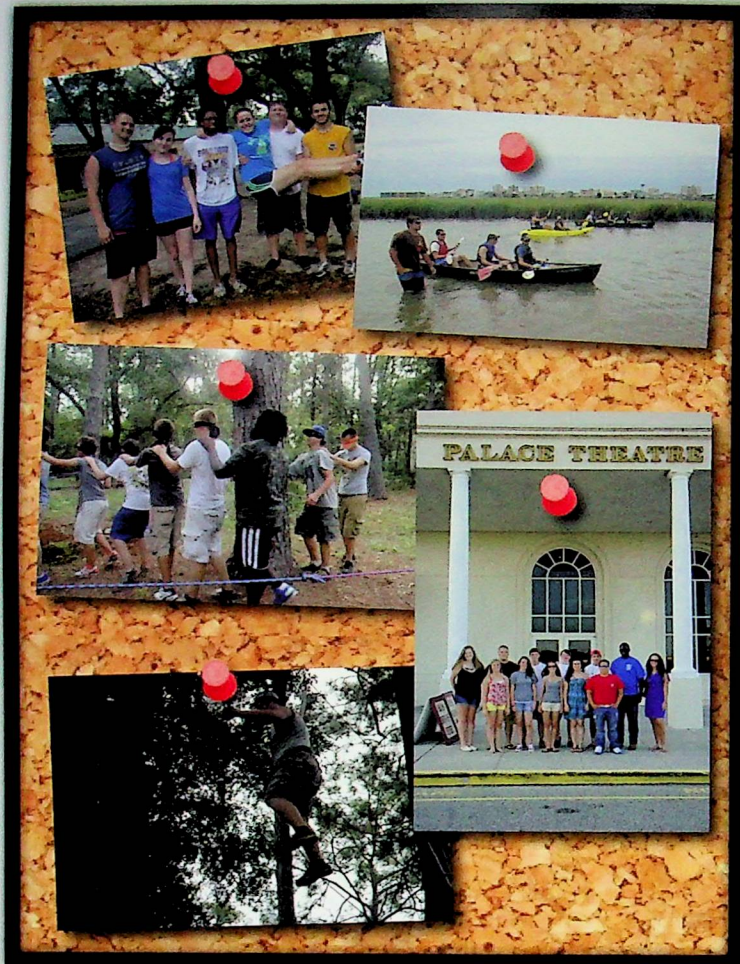
Over the years thousands of FFA members across South Carolina have attended camp to play, challenge themselves, make friends, and develop as a leader; those past campers loved every minute of it. Many of them grew to be pillars of the community; some even came back to serve as counselors. All of them will tell you that the memories from camp will stay with you forever.

The SC FFA Center, founded in the 1950s, is the kind of camp that generations of FFA members have imprinted in their memories as pure and wholesome fun, the sort of camp that remains the way it was when things were still easy-going, like scorekeeping a kickball game or sitting by the campfire.

As you enter the camp there is a central field, a hundred yards of grass, and the kind that can make you feel like you're far away from everything. This is the heart of the yearly Ag Olympics, and the starting point of where you learn the special words only used at camp. In the mess hall for dinner you can expect to find meals of pizza, chicken tenders, boiled shrimp, and chicken bog.

Summer camp is about building self-sufficiency and confidence. Camp is a constant in a time when so much can shake beneath our feet. It's one of the few things left where campers can have an experience everyone can relate to and share with one another. One of those constants is the friendships made, which campers forge in shared moments of independence and maintain off-season via texting, Facebook, and Skype.

Go to www.SCAgEd.org for more information on the 2013 FFA Summer Camping program and make plans to come to the beach this summer for the time of your life and for a life time of memories.



FFA Hosts Marine Ecology Camp

Contributed by Carl Kotz



In December of 2012, the SC FFA Association hosted its first Marine Ecology Camp in which campers spent three days learning about marine life as well as proper fishing techniques and practices at the South Carolina FFA Camp. Crab traps were thrown into the salt marsh, clams were raked, and fish were caught.

During the three days two chartered fishing trips were taken into the open waters for a deep sea fishing expedition. In addition, canoes and kayaks were paddled in the inlet for marine study trips. The camp also featured a presentation on proper fishing techniques. And, of course, many fish tales were told by the fire each evening.

Don't worry, if you missed the fun this year, another Marine Ecology Camp is planned for September 2013. Check the SC FFA website for more details as they become available for the 2013 camp so that you can make plans to attend this event to learn about the marine environment and proper fishing techniques while having the time of your life.

Winter CDE Results

Soil Judging

1st Place

Pendleton – Trent Rushton, State President, Blake Berry, Advisor, Nick Garland, Savannah Vickery, Emily Jones, Eric Wilson and Wayne Huddleston representing Duke Energy who sponsored the event



2nd Place

Loris – Trent Rushton, State President, Nate Bellamy, Advisor, Johnathon Hughes, Cullen Stalvey, Kolin Causey, Stephen Harwysch and Wayne Huddleston representing Duke Energy who sponsored the event.



Equine Evaluation



Clover – Maria Ausburn, FFA State Secretary, Kenedi McDonald, Rea Campbell, Zachary MacDougal, FFA State Vice President, Haleigh Bryant, Courtney Barnett, Hunter Holland, FFA State Vice President. The Equine CDE is hosted by the Equine program at Clemson University and sponsored by the SC Horseman's Council.

Wildlife Management

Pendleton – Blake Berry, Advisor, Dakota Murray, Hunter Morton, Josh Pruitt and Eric Wilson. Pictured with the winning team is Jim Westerhold with the Forestry Wildlife Management Program at Horry-Georgetown Technical College who sponsored the event.



Clemson Ag Ed Hires New Faculty

Contributed by Ashley Sutton, Graduate Student Clemson University

Dr. Shannon Lawrence

Shannon G. Lawrence recently joined the faculty of the Clemson University's School of Agricultural, Forest, and Environmental Sciences as a Lecturer in Agricultural Education.

Originally from Kite, Georgia, Lawrence is married to Carol Spruill. He has three children: Emma Mae (six) Clayborn (three) and Hoyt (six months).



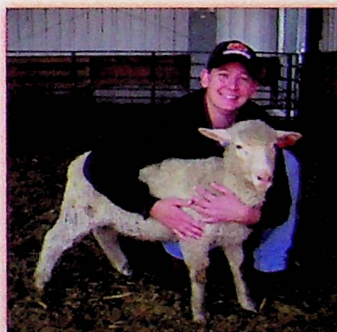
Before coming to Clemson, Lawrence and his family were at Texas A&M, where he completed his Ph.D. While at Texas A&M, he studied the demographics of FFA chapters across the nation and first year teachers in agricultural education programs, school gardening and experiential learning as well as supervised student teachers. Prior to living in Texas, Lawrence was an agriculture education teacher in Georgia for six years.

Since arriving at Clemson in November of 2012, Lawrence has been helping with student teachers, advising, and teaching a leadership course. He has been working on a few grants that pertain to increasing STEM integration in agriculture education programs and expanding opportunities for Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs. Online record is also a focus of his. When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family, going to church, farming, and cooking BBQ.



Mrs. Robin Long

Robin Long has come to Clemson University's School of Agricultural, Forest, and Environmental Sciences as a Lecturer in Agricultural Education and the SC Youth Livestock Program Coordinator.



Long was born and raised in Middleburg, Florida, a small rural town in northeast Florida where she was heavily involved with the Florida 4-H Horse Program. She traveled

west to earn an Associate's degree in Equine Technology from Connors State College in Warner, OK. After a period of time working in the equine industry she transferred to Oklahoma State University to earn her B.S. in Animal Science. She continued her education and went on to earn a Master's degree in Agricultural Education, also from Oklahoma State University. Long comes to Clemson University after spending time working in various departments at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY and the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ.

Robin and her husband currently live in Anderson, SC and enjoy raising horses, sheep, and beef cattle. She joined the Clemson family in August 2012 and is "excited to be working with an amazing group of people at such a great university."

Agriculture Day Spreads Community Awareness For Agriculture

*Contributed by Darla Steel and Jeremy Brooks,
Advisors Strom Thurmond FFA Chapter*

Johnston, SC – March 19, 2013 – The Strom Thurmond Career Center Agriculture Department along with the Edgefield County Young Farmer Association held the 1st Annual Edgefield County Agriculture Day on Saturday March 16, 2013 on the campus of Strom Thurmond High School with an estimated 1500 in attendance.



The event highlighted the local agriculture industry in Edgefield County with exhibits from several of our leading industries including the peach, the timber, the horticulture, and the livestock industry. The event also featured an antique tractor and equipment show, agricultural demonstrations by Piedmont Technical College and Clemson University, an equipment display area with new tractors from Derrick Equipment and Wilson Tractors, and a live petting zoo with miniature horses, goats, chickens, a rabbit, a calf and a hunting dog named Pete.

In addition to the agricultural displays and demonstrations the festival also featured a silent auction, barbeque pork for sale, a farmers market, and several inflatables and games for children of all ages. All proceeds from the event will be used for several agricultural related scholarships for students as well as help fund the agriculture program at Strom Thurmond.

Wagener-Salley FFA Celebrates FFA Week

Contributed by Allen Williams, Advisor Wagener-Salley FFA Chapter

On February 21st Wagener-Salley FFA sponsored a skating party for all surrounding FFA Chapters at Three Fountains Skating Rink. In attendance were over 200 FFA members from Aiken, Aiken Career Center, Barnwell, Batesburg-Leesville, Midland Valley and Saluda FFA Chapters. State FFA Vice President Andrew Snipes joined the fun, which was a highlight for the FFA members. FFA members attending were asked to donate a pet supply item that would be donated to the local SPCA. Hundreds of pounds of pet food, toys, and cleaning supplies were donated.



Anderson FFA Chapter Works To Fight Hunger

Contributed by Marie Bolt, Advisor Anderson FFA Chapter

The Anderson FFA Chapter worked with the Anderson FCCLA Chapter to collect food to fight hunger within Anderson School District 5.

In December, Anderson FFA Chapter members worked to collect food to prepare meals for homeless families within the district. The Anderson FCCLA Chapter then utilized the food collected to prepare a meal for each family. As a result, 98 families throughout the district were provided a meal as well as received a grocery bag of canned goods. FFA members worked to package and deliver the meals and food items before leaving for Christmas Break.

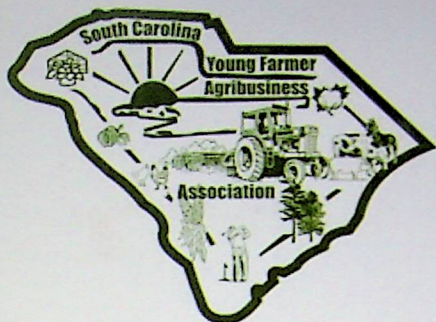


FFA Chapter Signs Charter

contributed by H. Keith Cox



On February 20th, the Center for Advanced Technical Studies signed their charter to make them the newest chapter in the South Carolina Association. The Center is located near Chapin SC. Pictured are (Seated) Kaleigh Rings, Chapter President, Billy Keels, State FFA Advisor, and Trent Rushton, State FFA President. (Standing) Kevin Sox, FFA Advisor, Lindsey Anderson, National FFA Vice President, Shannon Cloy FFA Advisor, Adam Miller, Chapter Reporter and Chelsey McIver, Chapter Secretary.



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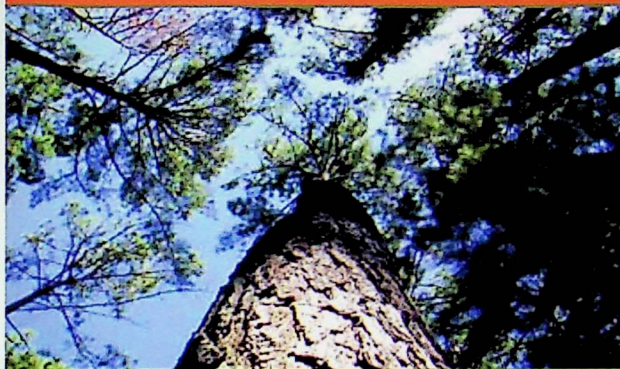
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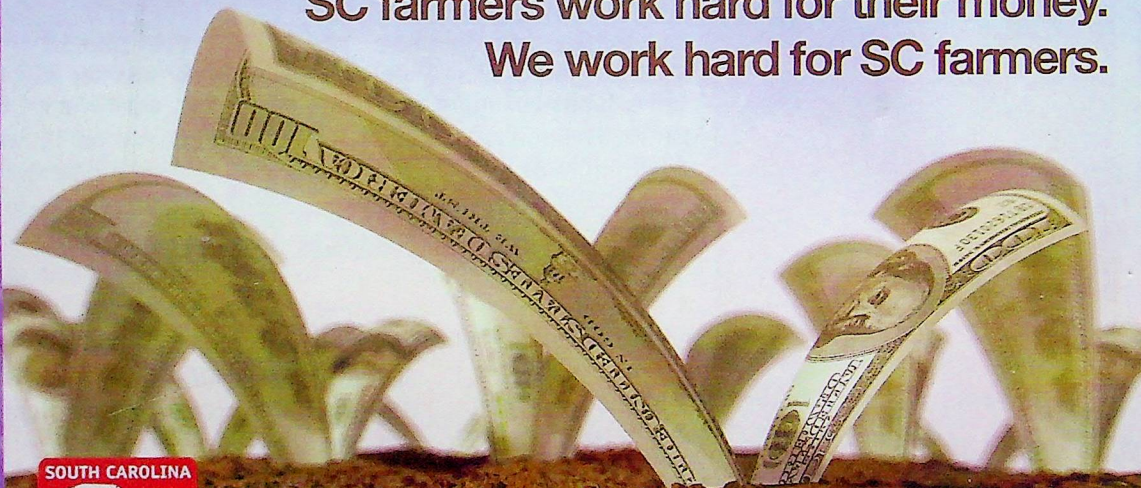
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